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Communal representation in the Central Survey Office.

448 Q.—Mr. W. P. A. Saundara Pandia Nadar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that no non-Brahman was appointed to any of the two posts of Assistant Director of Survey in the Central Survey Office, Madras, since 1909 ; and

(*b*) if so, why neither of the two non-Brahman Assistant Directors in field was appointed to the vacancy of second Assistant that recently occurred in the Central Survey Office ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) No vacancy occurred recently in the Central Survey Office.

Nomination to the taluk boards of South Arcot.

449 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether Messrs. Padmanaba Reddiyar and Chinnaswami Pillai nominated to the taluk boards of Cuddalore and Tirukkōyilūr, respectively, actually stood for election and were defeated ;

(2) whether it is usual to nominate to the local boards persons defeated at the polls ; and

(3) the reason for nominating (*a*) Messrs. Padmanaba Reddiyar and R. K. Venugopal Nayudu to the Cuddalore taluk board notwithstanding the fact that six Reddis and four Nayudus had been elected to that board, (*b*) Mr. Chinnaswami Pillai to the Tirukkōyilūr taluk board while four Pillais had been elected thereto, and (*c*) Mr. Muthu Kondal Roya Reddiyar to the Vriddhachalam taluk board for which three Reddis had been elected ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" May I request the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government to tell us whether he would be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" I have no objection to call for the information."

Election of district board members in South Arcot.

450 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) the total number of elective seats in the district board of South Arcot and the distribution thereof among the several taluk boards ;

(2) the reason for the president of the district board of South Arcot directing the taluk board presidents to hold elections in June 1922 for returning to the district board not the full strength which each taluk board was competent to do but one member less in each case ; and

(3) the authority under the Local Boards Act or the rules framed thereunder permitting such restrictive direction ?